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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows.

In the written description:

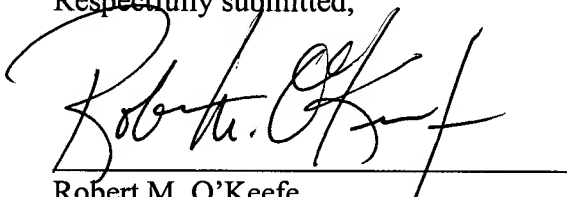
At page 1, line 2, immediately following the title, please insert the following new paragraph:

A1 --This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number 60/202,797, filed May 9, 2000 and to PCT application number PCT/AU01/00527, filed May 9, 2001.--

REMARKS

Should any fees under 37 CFR 1.16-1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fees from Deposit Account No. 10-1205/DIAT:002. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the phone number indicated below with any questions or comments, or to otherwise facilitate expeditious and compact prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert M. O'Keefe", written over a horizontal line.

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